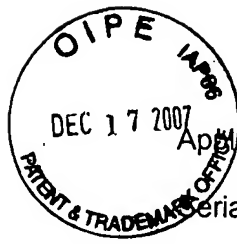


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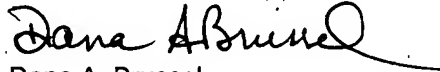
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007, please amend the  
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**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins  
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